



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53(b)**

03/12/01

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a ☐ continuation/☒ divisional
of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of:
Inventor: PROUGH et al
Serial No. 09/568,984
Filed: May 11, 2000
For: **FEEDING COMMINUTED FIBROUS MATERIAL**
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

Atty Dkt.: 10-1335
C# M#
Date: March 12, 2001
Group: 1731
Examiner: C. Fiorilla

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This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):
Inventor(s): PROUGH et al

- ☒ Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.
- ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
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- ☐ certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or
☐ already filed on _____ in prior app/n. no. _____ filed _____
☐ already filed in _____ filed _____

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
- ☒ The prior application is assigned to Andritz-Ahlstrom, Inc..
- ☒ Power of Attorney has been granted to Bryan H. Davidson et al, Reg. No. 30,251 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.
- ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/568,984, filed May 11, 2000, now pending, which is a Continuation-In-Part of SN 09/063,429 filed April 21, 1998 the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
- ☐ This application is entitled to "Small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
- ☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
- ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.
- ☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:
Please cancel claims 16-23
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee		\$	710.00
Total effective claims	15 - 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00	\$	0.00
Independent claims	0 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 80.00	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)		\$	0.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$	710.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract		\$(0.00)
	SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$	710.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)		\$	0.00
	TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$	710.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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